

INTEROFFICE MEMO:  
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TO : [REDACTED]

Subject: Coordination of Psychological Warfare Research

1. I discussed the question of PW research coordination with Mr. 25X1A [REDACTED] assistant, 25X1A [REDACTED] who is most conversant on the subject. Then went to see 25X1A [REDACTED] assistant. She said he would be most interested in the Reber memo, so I left it with her; 25X1A [REDACTED] will study the memo and get together with you on Monday about it.
2. As to the memo itself, it seems that Mr. Reber was not entirely conversant with Opc's viewpoint when he attended the meeting called by [REDACTED] of PSB. Reber not only took the initiative in proposing that State Dept. coordinate PW research, but that it assume the responsibility for leadership of research in support of psychological warfare. It would appear that this is the responsibility of the PSB, especially since [REDACTED] assumed the leadership in calling the meeting.
3. Mr. [REDACTED] wants (according to Reber's memo) a more systematic, centralized and authoritative control over research activities. This is desired by Opc, and is our only interest in the matter. It is at least questionable that State should do the coordination (much less take leadership as Reber suggests).
4. Leadership for the coordination and possibly coordination, itself, might be done by the PSB. Their present coordination staff is small and coordinates on a high level, but a research unit under their jurisdiction has several attractions. Major ones being the handling of Secret and TS research projects (for which State/unit is not cleared), and the efficient handling, supervision and dissemination of research

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5. [REDACTED] assistant definitely conveyed the impression that he is not in accord with the arrangements made by Mr. Reber, and feels that a discussion is in order with a view to:

- a. clarifying our thinking on this
- b. making our views known on this to Mr. Reber thru DD/P
- c. possibly, discussing the matter informally with [REDACTED]

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